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Prolife Council of Connecticut OPPOSES S.B. 1108 An Act Concerning Access to Reproductive Health Care by Students at Public Institutions of Higher Education

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Dear Members of the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee:

We oppose S.B. 1108.

Like many recent Connecticut legislation that has passed and is being introduced this year, like H.B. 6618 An Act Concerning Taxpayers funds for Out of State Women seeking abortions in Connecticut, the entire focus is on providing abortion. Paid by Connecticut taxpayers. At the Public Hearing yesterday, it was stated that the all paid abortion package (the abortion, round trip travel, lodging, etc.) for out of State pregnant women who want abortions does not offer a dime for pregnant women that want to keep their babies or put up for adoption.

S.B. 1108 is very similar. At these Connecticut public institutions of higher education, what services are you offering women that want to keep their babies or put them up for adoption? Why aren't you offering them and their unborn child free medical services, lodging, transportation, proper nutrition, etc. to have access to proper Health Care? Most of these students don't have the economic resources or assistance- help them.

Additionally, the focus in Connecticut should also be on programs established to support pregnant women and their families with life-affirming options instead of providing unfettered access to abortion which willfully takes the life of an unborn child.

Sincerely,

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